

Recreation Commission Meeting
March 17, 2009
7:00 pm Community Center

Attendance: Gary Rose, Jack Cook, Pamela Levakis, Deb Ebbitt, Josh Mello, Rick Bush, Bobby Martin

Not in attendance: Theresa Burke and Diana Toste

Guests: Claudia Linhares – Pres. Tiverton Little League, Mark Purcell V.P. Tiverton Little League, Carolyn Vasconcellos, Jeff Smith, Phyllis Brower.

Meeting called to order at 7:00p.m.

Old Minutes:

George Alzibak was rescheduled due to a full agenda. Gary Rose will speak to Jim Goncalo about the Church Community Block Grant. The Town council has to ask for it. Old Minutes approved.

Agenda Items:

1. Claudia and Mark are in attendance to ask the Rec. Comm. to vote on permission to put up advertisement banners at the L.L. fields. Mark added that the main reason behind the banners is to raise funds for field maintenance. The proposal copies were provided to the Rec. Comm. members. Claudia noted that the funds will be put in a capital improvement fund. This needs to be approved to move on the zoning commission and the town council.

Jack Cook asked what percentage of the profits will go the Bulgarmarsh Park redevelopment. The answer was 10%.

The banners were approved by a vote of 4 to 1. Approved; Jack Cook, Pamela Levakis, Rick Bush, Josh Mello. Opposed; Deb Ebbitt, abstained – Gary Rose due to his position as Tiverton Girl's Softball President.

2. Treasurer's Report:

T. Burke was not in attendance due to hip surgery. The committee discussed sending T. Burke a fruit basket as a get well.

3. Skate Park

Phyllis had question regarding the skate park and in-kind services all questions were answered. Jeff Smith expressed concerns about the skate park – particularly drainage for the “bowl design”. Bobby Martin again stated his concerns as well and a discussion ensued. It was decided that Jeff, Gary and any other members interested would join the sub-committee meeting regarding the skate park on Sunday, March 22 @ 11:00 am at the Muddy Moose Café.

Old Business:

Soccer Complex – Rick and Jack meet with a landscape architect in Little Compton last week. The architect will get back to them regarding a design and costs for proposal. Jack met with the Stone Bridge Water Department which put a timeline on the development of the complex which is 2 years. Bobby Martin asked about drainage problems that could occur with the fields. This discussion was tabled until a proposal was received.

Grant update – Grants are waiting approval from Jim Goncalo and for Pamela to send out the new mission statement.

Social Network Site:

Update Josh Mello. Terms and conditions and legal jargon were a concern for putting up a site the council decided that Jim should be asked for advisement.

New Business:

Bulgarmarsh Park Start Up reporting Gary Rose. Everything right now goes back to the skate park therefore tabled until after the sub-committee meeting.

Carolyn Vasconcellos came to speak to the commission regarding summer recreation program. Her concerns are that the needs of children aged 11 – 15 are not being met. Suggestions came up for a basketball camp. Phyllis and Deb told of past experiences of failure and the discussion turned. Carolyn was asked to come to the next meeting with a proposal.

Back off agenda to the park Deb made a motion that Mr. Smith continue with his plans for the skate park and that Diana be given a time frame of one month to come to the commission for a vote. This was approved by a unanimous vote. Pamela will call Diana and give her the information.

Planning for summer events tabled until next meeting – summer events, Farmer's Market, Summer Recreation Programs.

Additional business:

Deb told Gary that he made an ethics violation by taking a poll via e-mail regarding the TLL banner issue. Gary explained that the language he used was misconstrued.

Committee decided that there was no violation and in the future a standard of language would be used.

Meeting adjourned 9:45 p.m.